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RESIGNATIONS

The following letter was received from the Secretary of the Navy on 28 November, 1924:

"In view of the receipt of tenders of resignation from officers whose accounts are being checked in accordance with Alnav 24, it is the present policy of the Department to decline to accept the resignation of such officers until their indebtedness to the government has been cancelled."

SUBMARINES. OFFICER PERSONNEL SITUATION.

There are required to man submarines now in commission and to be commissioned by 31 December, 1926, a total of 310 line officers.

Duty in submarines must be considered as a specialization requiring officers trained for such duty. To provide this training the submarine training school is maintained at the Submarine Base, New London, Conn.

The course at this school has been increased to 24 weeks commencing 1 January, 1925. There will be two classes convened annually, on 1 January and 1 July.

The assignment of officers to submarine instruction is on request and by detail and no officers are detailed to duty in submarines unless they have completed the course of instruction at the Submarine School. Officers are not eligible for detail to the school unless they have completed at least two years sea duty subsequent to graduation from the Naval Academy or two years commissioned service, and prior to their assignment they are required to be found physically qualified for submarine duty in accordance with the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Manual.

Requests from officers for submarine duty are very limited in number and it is believed that this is due largely to the fact that officers are under the impression that if they take up this duty it will be difficult

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for them to give it up. It is the policy of the Bureau of Navigation to rotate the duty of qualified officers between submarine and surface vessels, to require not more than a total of five years' submarine service and to limit any additional service with submarines to such duty as commanders of submarine divisions and engineer and repair officers of tenders, etc.

In order to meet the present requirements of the submarine service it is necessary that there be an annual attendance at the school of seventy-five officers. It is proposed to select those officers as far as possible from ensigns and lieutenants (jg) and to maintain the necessary flow from those grades.

The Bureau feels that it is of the utmost importance that the submarine service be maintained in a high state of efficiency which can only be accomplished by maintaining a full officer complement in boats and by providing annually the number required in the school.

Commanding Officers are requested to bring this to the attention of all officers under their command with a view to not only obtaining requests for submarine instruction but in order that officers may realize that their detail to this duty is an important part of their regular naval duties.

COURSE IN NEWS HANDLING.

The first enlisted man to complete the Bureau's Course in News Handling and to receive final mark for the course from the Publicity Section of the Office of Naval Intelligence is Clayton B. Garvey, Yeoman 3c, serving aboard the U.S. SUBMARINE S-23.

UNDERSIRABLE DISCHARGES

There appears to be a lack of knowledge in some commands concerning undersirable discharges. In BuNav circular letter #30-23, the Bureau directed that "Undersirable discharges shall not be used as a punishment". Regardless of this circular letter, some commands still give undesirable discharges as a punishment for an offense.

The following paragraphs from the Revised BuNav Manual, soon to be issued, is quoted:

"Undesirable discharges should be given only after a man has already demonstrated that he is totally unfitted for further retention. In this classification are those who constantly commit petty offenses not necessitating trial by court martial, those who are habitual shirkers, and those of unclean habits. Undesirable discharges shall not be given as a punishment or in lieu of courts martial, but as a means of ridding the service of persons who are useless."

The instructions concerning the payment of travel allowance in cases of undesirable discharge are set forth in "Instructions relative to the Payment of Travel Allowance and Furnishing Transportation to Enlisted Men on Discharge" and in BuNav Circular letter #70-24.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS:

The large excess of chief petty officers existing in the Navy for several years has finally been eliminated. On 1 November the number in service equalled the requirements for the current year in that grade. The state of funds appropriated for "Pay, Navy" permitting, men will be advanced each month to the rating of chief petty officer to meet the expected losses from that grade. Authorization to advance 101 men on the Bureau's eligibility list were sent to the service on 2 November. The ratings included are those in which vacancies exist as shown in Circular Letter No. 90-24, and the number authorized to each rating is shown below:

C. B. H.....	14	C. R. H.....	14
C. T. G.....	3	C. H. H.....	12
C. Q. H.....	3	C. H. H. H.....	10
C. S. H.....	2	C. S. K.....	23
C. F. C.....	2	Bastr.....	3
C. E. H.....	9	C. Aerog.....	1

Excesses still exist in some ratings and until the excess in any rating is eliminated, no advancements to that rating will be authorized.

PIANO AVAILABILITY OF:

The Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, will be pleased to ship to any station in a non-tropical climate an electrically operated piano containing piano and orchestra attachments. Manufactured by Wurlitzer. Its original cost was \$700.00

MOTION PICTURES

The Bureau has purchased the following motion pictures for distribution to the service as soon as received from the producers.

TITLE OF PRODUCTION

STAR

Rough Ridin'	Buddy Roosevelt
Girls Men Forget	Patsy Ruth Miller
One Law for the Woman	Gullen Marlis
Code of the Wilderness	Bowers-Calhoun
Cyclone Rider	Alma Bennett
Against All Odds	Chas. Jones
Is Money Everything	Kerry-Cooper

The White Shadow
Yankee Speed
Youth for Sale
City that Never Sleeps
Garden of Woods
Tongues of Flame
North of 36
Argentine Love
Peter Pan
The Only Woman
Sundown
The Silent Watcher
Christine of the Hungry Heart
The Brass Bowl
Rose of Paris
Beauty Prize
Oh, You Tony
Married Flirts
Greater Than Marriage
Cheap Kisses
Great Diamond Mystery
Beloved Brute
Rockless Romance

Betty Compson
K. McDonald
May Allison
Dresser-Cortez
Betty Compson
Thomas Meighan
Holt-Wilson
Beto Daniels
Betty Bronson
Norma Talmadge
Hobart Bosworth
Glenn Hunter
Florence Vidor
Edmund Loew
Mary Philbin
Viola Dana
Tom Mix
Pauline Frederick
Lou Tellegen
Lillian Rich
Shirley Mason
William Russell
T. Roy Barnes

NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVITIES

The administration of matters relating to the enlisted personnel of the Naval Reserve Force except the Fleet Naval Reserve, has recently been placed under the Naval Reserve Force Division.

The Bureau has initiated through the Commandants of Naval Districts, a campaign for the enrollment of 6000 qualified radio operators as radiomen in Class 6 of the Naval Reserve Force.

The Director of Naval Communications will undertake the instruction of men enrolled as radiomen, issuing bulletins on Naval communication procedure, etc.

These radiomen will not be expected to drill or cruise; however, upon their own application, they may be given the same privileges as to drilling and cruising as other members of Class 6; but, in ordering these men to active duty other ratings in Class 6 will not be slighted and the total cruising quotas allotted to the various Districts will not be exceeded. They will not be given the gratuitous issue of uniform outfits unless they undertake regular drill attendance or cruises. They will not be eligible for transfer to Class 2 of the Reserve Force unless additional radiomen are needed in any organization for properly balancing the personnel of that organization and vacancies exist in the authorized pay grade quotas.

The requirements set forth in the Bureau of Navigation Manual, Article D-4362, will be used as a guide in enrolling these men, as to whether they should be enrolled as apprentice seamen for radiomen, radiomen 3c; 2c; 1c; or Chief Radiomen. In order not to fill the upper ratings prematurely, it is desired in general that men enroll in the lower ratings with view to promotion when qualified sufficiently in Navy Procedure. Further, it is desired to give preference to professional operators actually employed in stations which probably would be taken over by the Navy in time of war. The proportion between professional and amateur operators to be enrolled in each District is estimated as about (1) to three (3). They will, of course, be required to pass the prescribed physical examination before enrollment.

HYDROGRAPHIC NEWS

THE FULL REPORT of the Conference on Oceanography is published on the back of the Pilot Charts for December. The Secretary of the Navy has approved the name, "Maury U.S. Naval Oceanographic Research".

THE U.S.S. NIAGARA (Commander Paul P. Blackburn) has arrived in the Gulf of Venezuela to begin a survey of that Gulf.

NAVAL OBSERVATORY

Dirigibles and Solar Eclipses. - The Bureau of Aeronautics and the Naval Observatory are contemplating the use of the SHENANDOAH, and perhaps the LOS ANGELES, during the total solar eclipse of 24 January 1925, for the purpose of securing observations and photographs of the corona, etc., during that eclipse whose path goes across Long Island Sound and Nantucket. This eclipse occurs near the time of sun spot minimum but on the upward trend, and it is hoped to secure data having a bearing on the effect of solar electrical storms on telegraph and cable, and possibly radio communication on the earth. Anything which affects communication is of importance to the Navy as well as to the world at large.

The next total solar eclipse occurs January 1926 and is visible in Sumatra, while the next one to be visible in the United States does not occur until 28 April 1930 in Idaho and adjacent states. Totality very short. There will also be one visible in Maine 31 August 1932. Totality also very short. These two not worth observing.

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